

REMARKS

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliance mailed on September 9, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

The Continuation Sheet of the Notification questions "[d]id Applicant mean to end claim 1 with 'and if perforation is not desired for the sheet based on the FIRST control signal, the electronic control apparatus does not emit a SECOND signal to the first perforating tool'?" In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 as shown above by changing two occurrences of the phrase "a signal" to - - the first control signal - -. Thus, in answer to the Notification's question, Applicant intended the end of claim 1 to read "and if perforation is not desired for the sheet based on the SECOND control signal, the electronic control apparatus does not emit the FIRST CONTROL signal to the first perforating tool" [emphasis added], as it now reads after the amendment.

These amendments provide non-substantive clarification to claim 1, and do not add any new matter. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to accept and enter these amendments.

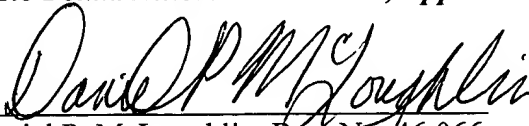
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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